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## FEMA Specialists Provide Free Rebuilding Information at Kearney, Norfolk Home Improvement Stores

LINCOLN, Neb. – Rebuilding or repairing property damaged from the recent severe storms and tornadoes? Or, thinking about tackling a remodeling project at home or at work? It's a great time to incorporate techniques that might help lessen the impact of a future disaster.

Specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be on hand from August 21-25 at Menard's stores in Kearney and Norfolk to offer free information and advice about better protecting houses and businesses from all kinds of Nebraska hazards.

Some of the information on hand includes: ways to fortify the exterior of a structure to better withstand high wind and rain, ways to protect major appliances from flood damage, how to add a safe room for tornado protection, learning the ABCs about flood insurance and other related topics.

The mitigation specialists will be at Menard's stores beginning Thursday, August 21 through Monday, August 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the following locations:

### **Kearney:**

Menard's  
6411 First Ave.  
Kearney, NE 68847

### **Norfolk:**

Menard's  
2311 Taylor Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

Mitigation has long been an important part of disaster preparedness and recovery because it is proven to work by saving lives and reducing or eliminating property damage, according to FEMA. Officials estimate that for every dollar spent on a mitigation action, about four dollars are saved when another disaster hits.

For more information on mitigation techniques or disaster preparedness, check out the following online resources: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), [www.nema.ne.gov](http://www.nema.ne.gov) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

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